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The sanitary conditions of this port and the adjacent country are good. Two deaths during the week, as follows: September 24, an infant 1 year and 8 months of age, from remittent fever; September 27, an adult 24 years of age, from remittent fever. This latter death, in my opinion, should not be accredited to Port Limon, as this patient was brought here from the interior in a dying condition.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *September 23, 1900.*

SIR: On September 22 at 3 p. m. I was called to steamship *Holstein* to see seaman Geo. Lipz, who had an attack of fever. I found his temperature 104½ and pulse 104. Gave calomel, jalap, rhubarb, and sodii bicarb., also quinine mixture. At 8 p. m. temperature, 101½; pulse, 108; and 10.30 p. m. temperature, 101; pulse, 96; tongue, large; flabby; urine free from albumen. Says he had a chill on afternoon of September 21 and night of same date. Captain Voss, of *Holstein*, says he shipped at Mobile, Ala., August 11, 1900, having left an English vessel. The patient also gives history of attacks of malaria for last two years. Says two years ago he was treated in marine hospital at Boston for malaria. This vessel arrived here from Newport News September 18 and patient says he was taken ill with chills and fever two days out. The *Holstein* came alongside Port Limon pier at 9.30 a. m., September 22, and left for New Orleans same date at 10.30 p. m. I diagnosed this as a case of malaria.

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CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos and Casilda.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *October 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended October 6, 1900, 14 deaths have occurred in this city from the following causes: Paludism, 2; anæmia, 2; gangrene, 2; septicæmia, 1; arteritis, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; tetanus, infantile, 1; atrophic cirrhosis, 1; nephritis, 1; colic, intestinal, 1; tuberculosis, 1. Three of the total number of deaths occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate for the week is 18.25. No contagious diseases reported.

Fourteen vessels entered this port, 11 vessels were issued bills of health; no alien steerage passengers were landed at this port; 90 health certificates were issued to passengers; 38 pieces of baggage arriving from Havana, via Batabano, were disinfected and so labelled, and 108 pieces of baggage inspected and passed.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 4 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week. No contagious diseases reported. Inspected 7 vessels arriving at that port.

Respectfully,

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